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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SZ

SUBJECT: US/SWISS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; F-5E SALE: OFFSET

REF: BERN 3078

1. EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL TEXTS OF TWO MESSAGES SENT TO AMBASSADOR PROBST, ONE FROM DR. SOMMER OF VSN AND THE OTHER FROM FEDERAL COUNCILOR GNAEGI. BOTH REQUEST PROBST'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY TO THE NAVY OF DIESEL MARINE ENGINES FOR EIGHT AUXILIARY VESSELS (TANKERS). AS IS CLEAR FROM THE TEXTS OF THE TWO MESSAGES, GOS IS LIKELY TO CONSIDER THIS ANOTHER TEST OF WHETHER, QUOTE THE US SIDE IS WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE MEMORANDUM. UNQUOTE.

2. AS STATED REFTTEL, GOS NEEDS A QUICK SUCCESS IN ORDER TO EASE POLITICAL PRESSURE HERE. HOWEVER, THE OBSTACLES TO QUICK SUCCESS FOR THIS PARTICULAR SALE SEEM FORMIDABLE, INVOLVING REDESIGN OF ENGINE ROOMS, ETC. ALTHOUGH WE ARE TOLD THAT THE LONGER-TERM PROSPECTS MAY BE BETTER. GOS APPARENTLY INTENDS TO PUSH THIS SALE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IT CAN REACH WITHIN USG, AND MAY BE UNDERESTIMATING THE OBSTACLES.

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3. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION GIVEN US BY THE DOD REPS

WHO ATTENDED LAST WEEK'S MEETINGS, WE HAVE TRIED TO
PERSUADE GOS HERE THAT WHILE THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS
MAY BE GOOD, ONE WOULD NEED TO KNOW MORE THAN WE KNOW
NOW BEFORE ONE COULD MAKE AN ACCURATE APPRAISAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
PROSPECTS FOR THIS SALE.
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